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Tēnā koe Mr Fisher

Your Official Information Act request OIA 19/20-0753

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“all information held/created/received by DIA relating to the public release of the Buchanan Report that has been created this year [2020].”

I have identified 15 documents that fall within the scope of your request; they are listed in the attached table. Some information has been withheld from these documents under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty; and
- 18(d) – the information is, or soon will be, publicly available.

Some information has also been omitted from the documents, as the information falls outside of the scope of your request.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information is outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable in the public interest to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Anita Balakrishnan
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Appendix A: Documents for OIA request

R = release in full

P = partially withhold

W = withhold in full

#	Document date	Summary of contents	Release in full (R) Partially withhold (P) Withheld in full (W)
1.	23/01/2020	Sign out sheet and briefing - Agreement to proactively release Robert Buchanan's report on the independence of the Chief Archivist	Appendix A: W s18(d)
2.	17/04/2020	Email: RE: Provisional Chief Ombudsman's Opinions - Molineaux/Fisher	P – out of scope; s9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(i)
3.	23/04/2020	Email: Briefing: Proposed release of Buchanan report	P – s9(2)(a) (Please note that the briefing is attached at document 10)
4.	23/04/2020	Email: RE: Actions from IA Officials 16 April 2020	P – out of scope; s9(2)(a)
5.	28/04/2020	Email and signed briefing: IA202000429 Proposed release of Buchanan report following Omb decision.pdf	Email: P – s9(2)(a) Appendix A: W s18(d)
6.	28/04/2020	Email: RE: Minister of IA has agreed to the proactive release of the Buchanan report (signed copy attached) – Will you take it from here?	R
7.	30/04/2020	Email: RE: Minister of IA has agreed to the proactive release of the Buchanan report (signed copy attached) – Will you take it from here?	P – s9(2)(a)
8.	1/05/2020	Email: FW: Minister Robertson meeting - NALI/ Budget 20	P – out of scope
9.	8/05/2020	Email: RE: Ombudsman's response re Molineaux/Fisher - for delivery by 1 May	P – out of scope; s9(2)(a)
10.	12/05/2020	Email and letters: RE: Query re Update to Dr Molineaux/Mr Fisher prior to Budget 2020	P – out of scope; s9(2)(a)

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11.	12/5/2020 4:03pm	Email: RE: Minister's PtNM Budget 20 communications content	P – out of scope
12.	12/05/2020 4:15pm	Email: FW: Minister's PtNM Budget 20 communications content	P – out of scope
13.	13/05/2020	Email: RE: Proactive release	P – s9(2)(a)
14.	14/05/2020	Email: RE: Budget 20: OIA to publish and update needed to web pages this week (pp.1-4)	P – out of scope; s9(2)(a)
15.	14/052020	Email: RE: Web publishing brief: NALI page update to dia.govt	P – s9(2)(a)